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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for March 18 - March 29, 2002

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

The House and Senate will be in recess from March 25 through April 5.

**THIS WEEK**

- **Nominations:** On March 19, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a nomination hearing on the following judicial nominees: Terry O'Brien, for the 10th Circuit; Paul Cassell, for Utah; Lance Africk, for the Eastern District of Louisiana; and Legrome Davis, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. (Scott-Finan)
- **Hijackers' Admission and Student Visas:** On March 19, the House Subcommittee on Immigration, will hold a hearing on Hijackers' Admission and Student Visas, Commissioner Ziglar will testify. (Note: The Commissioner will be speaking at the National Press Club at noon, his remarks will closely track his testimony for this hearing.) (D. Burton)
- **FBI Computer System Security:** A briefing on the Trilogy program and other ongoing and planned changes to FBI computer systems, information security measures, and other administrative issues is scheduled for Senate Intelligence Committee staff for March 20. (Walter)
- **FBI – McVeigh Documents:** On March 21, Inspector General Glenn Fine and FBI Executive Assistant for Administration Robert Chirardio are expected to testify before a Senate Judiciary hearing on the Inspector General's report on the delayed identification of documents related to the McVeigh prosecution. (F. Burton, Walter)
- **Hiring of Legal Immigrants:** On March 21, the House Immigration Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "INS and OSC: Is the Government Preventing American Employers From Hiring Legal Immigrants?" Joe Greene for INS and Juan Carlos Benitez

for Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-related unfair employment practices, are expected to testify. (D. Burton)

- **INS FY 03 Budget:** On March 21, Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the Senate Appropriations CJS Subcommittee on the President's request for funds for the INS. (D. Burton)

#### LAST WEEK

- **Foreign Intelligence Surveillance (FISA):** On March 11, the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review provided a closed briefing on the Department's semiannual report on FISA matters for Senate Intelligence Committee staff; a similar briefing is scheduled for House Intelligence Committee staff for March 19. (Walter)

**PENTTBOM:** On March 13, FBI, CIA, and DoD representatives provided a closed briefing for Senate Intelligence Committee members about ongoing administration intelligence activities related to the 9/11 attacks. (Walter)

- **NarcoTerror: The World Wide Connection Between Drugs and Terrorism:** On March 13, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information held a hearing on "NarcoTerror: The World Wide Connection Between Drugs and Terrorism." DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson, Assistant Under Secretary of State Rand Beers, and the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury Department, Richard Newcomb, testified. (Estrada)
- **Nominations:** On March 12, the Senate confirmed Ralph R. Beistline to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska and, on March 13, the Senate confirmed Jeanette J. Clark to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

On March 14, the full Senate Judiciary Committee held a markup on the nominations of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. The Committee defeated three motions to move his nomination to the floor with a favorable recommendation, with no recommendation and with a negative recommendation. Each vote was along party lines 10 - 9. The U.S. Attorney nominations: Jane J. Boyle, Northern District of Texas; Matthew D. Orwig, Eastern District of Texas; and Michael Taylor Shelby, Southern District of Texas were held over for one week pending responses to questions from Chairman Leahy concerning possible conflicts of interest regarding Enron. The U.S. Marshal nominations of Don Slazinik, Southern District of Illinois, and Kim Richard Widup, Northern District of Illinois, were passed out of Committee by unanimous consent. (Scott-Finan)